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Speaker
of the Dewan Perwakilan Rakyat
of the Republic of Indonesia

Jakarta, January 23, 1988

Your Excellency,

As Your Excellency are aware, the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and Portugal in New York have been engaged in a continuing dialogue, under the auspices of the Secretary General of the United Nations, with a view to achieving a comprehensive and internationally acceptable settlement of the question of East Timor. In the course of these talks, the possibility of an observation visit to East Timor by a Portuguese Parliamentary delegation was recently considered.

In pursuance of this idea and on behalf of the leadership and members of the Indonesian House of Representatives, it gives me great pleasure to extend an invitation to Your Excellency and to the honourable members of the Portuguese Parliament to send a delegation to visit Indonesia. With regard to the proposed visit to East Timor, it can only be effected after the Permanent Representatives of Indonesia and Portugal in New York have reached agreement on the terms, modalities and timing of the visit.

I believe that such a visit will provide the delegation with the opportunity to obtain objective and first-hand information on the actual situation and conditions in East Timor and I can assure Your Excellency that the delegation will be accorded the necessary facilities to enable it to do so.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

H.E. President of the Assembly
of the Republic of Portugal

Yours Sincerely,

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